

ENHANCEMENT Languages



Welcome to Languages

At the heart of our Brighter Learning Approach is our commitment to fortifying the foundations of lifelong learning. Your nursery offers focus on Languages via Baby Sing and Sign classes, Spanish language lessons and interactive multilingual books as part of an overall engaging curriculum instilling curiosity, creativity and well-being.

Why focus on Languages Enhancement?

Learning a language is hugely beneficial in early years with key benefits including:

- Enhancement of cultural capital and children's wider world awareness and perspective
 - Development in cognitive skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking and attention span
 - Improvement in communication and language skills, both in English and in the new language
 - Boost to self-esteem and confidence as it gives children a great sense of accomplishment
- Children are often referred to as being 'sponges' and this is an accurate description when it comes to language development
 - Extensive research shows that the more mental stimulation a child receives between the age of two and four, the more developed the parts of their brains dedicated to language and cognition will be in the years ahead.

- 650 books high-quality books selected by children's literature expert, Jake Hope
- Over 65 languages
- Polylino is inclusive and accessible. The audio function and digital format is ideally suited to support language development in children with Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)
- Parents and guardians can access the library of books at home with their children. It enables different teaching approaches
- Polylino can easily be used alongside traditional books.



Interactive multilingual books at Nursery and Home

Your child will have access to a range of high-quality and engaging texts and children's stories from Polylino that can be read aloud and shared in their home language or a variety of different languages that they are learning.

You will see these books around the nursery which we use as part of our day-to-day learning. We are also pleased to offer you an electronic version of the Polylino books to continue the story and experience at home.

**Join us
today**

You are welcome to come along to a class to see Languages Enhancement in action. Please speak to your Nursery Manager to arrange this.

Baby Sing and Sign classes

We have joined the Nursery Affiliation Programme with **Sing and Sign** which trains staff within our nurseries, teaching staff a selection of signs to use throughout the day with the babies, together with specific song and sign sessions.

What will the child learn?

Babies use all kinds of signs and gestures as a natural part of learning to talk. Encouraging babies with extra signs such as milk, more, change nappy or tired will help them to communicate. Babies will recognise important words sooner and can use the signs to 'talk' before speech is developed.

Are there any resources available so that I can support baby signing at home?

There are a range of products to complement the Sing and Sign programme to make learning at home fun for all the family, including Sing and Sign books, toys, CDs and DVDs.

If my baby learns signs, will s/he still learn to talk?

Yes, signing does not delay speech. Signs are not used in place of spoken words and so the babies will still be encouraged to communicate verbally. Baby signing does not replace talking to babies, but the use of gesture is a natural form of early communication which assists with the acquisition of language.

What are the benefits of baby signing?

- It can help you to understand your baby's needs reducing frustration for both the baby and adult
- It enhances early vocabulary and understanding
- It encourages the development of speech
- It can enrich your baby's relationships
- It builds confidence and self-esteem
- It stimulates your baby's intellectual and emotional development.

How are baby signs taught within the Sing and Sign programme?

Sing and Sign combines the benefits of both music and baby signing. Every sign used in song relates to those important first words of a baby's world, such as nappies, bath time, bedtime. There are not too many signs within the songs, just enough to highlight the key words and many of the tunes are traditional, familiar melodies.

What happens to the signs as my baby starts talking?

Your baby will use signs and immature speech together for a while. As speech improves, the signs fade away until they will probably be dropped altogether. The focus is entirely on the development of speech and not on the ongoing use of signs.

What will we need to bring?

Nothing, these classes will be held within normal nursery sessions.

What is the cost?

There is no extra cost to you.

Spanish Language Classes with Kidslingo

Kidslingo classes introduce little ones to the sounds and intonations of the Spanish language via a weekly 30 minute class with songs, stories, rhymes, repetition of key words and multi-sensory play. Scarves, parachute, flashcards and bubbles are used to create visual engagement and stimulation.

What will the child learn?

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Will my child get confused learning a second language at a young age?

No, generally babies and young children have an increased capability to learn languages.

My child already speaks 2 (or more) languages – would another one be too much?

Generally, children who already speak two or more languages pick up the Spanish easily, as their bilingual brains are adept at recognising different sounds in different languages. Children progress at their own pace in the classes and a 'no pressure' approach is adopted.

Will the teachers be police checked?

Yes, all teachers are DBS checked. Also, all teachers complete a number of training courses including Safeguarding Level 2, Keeping Children Safe in Education, Health and Safety and basic paediatric first aid. They also complete the Kidslingo training programme. Our Nursery staff will also be alongside the children in the class.

Are there any additional resources available?

You will have free home access to Kidslingo's games website where you can play games with sound and picture match activities. For younger learners – the Kidslingo 'Singalong' albums can be purchased in MP3 format, and the lyrics are available to download free of charge: www.kidslingo.co.uk/buy-music/

You can access the Kidslingo YouTube channel for videos of mini lessons for different ages and some favourite Kidslingo songs www.youtube.com/c/KidslingoUK/playlists

Kidslingo will provide regular worksheets and there are some free downloadable activity sheets here: www.kidslingo.co.uk/live-video/

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